



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 1, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Chairman

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

The Transportation Committee met Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members [except Mr. McCall], Administrator Scott Moulder, County Engineer Mack Kelly and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: None

Call to Order:

Chairman Thrift called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 2 – 0 to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2010 meeting as presented.

Ongoing Project Status/Staff Report: County Engineer:

Mr. Mack Kelly, County Engineer, addressed the Committee utilizing several handouts [filed with these minutes] highlighting special projects completed and special projects assigned.

New Business:

Approved Citizen Appearances / Requests

None at this meeting.

Approved Staff Appearances / Requests

None at this meeting.

Old Business:

Dr. John's Road / Closure Clarification

Mr. Kelly provided the committee a brief summary of events and requested from Council clarification regarding the portion of the roadway to be closed. Discussion followed.

The Committee approved directing the County Engineer to contact the attorney working on this matter to instruct him to close Dr. John's Road beginning at Cedar Ridge Drive.

Broadus & Linda Thomas / Sirrene Street, Seneca

Mr. Kelly informed the Committee that Mr. Martin was working on a new easement for this project.

Lake Becky Road / Paving & Sealing

Mr. Kelly updated the committee on the status of the project noting that quotes were being received and the project is anticipated to be completed prior to the next Committee meeting.

Waterford Point Subdivision Right-of-Way Deeds

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a handout [filed with these minutes] outlining the history and staff recommendation. Discussion followed.

The Committee approved taking to full Council for approval acceptance of the Right-of-Way deeds.

Alice Lane

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a handout [filed with these minutes] outlining the facts and staff recommendation. Discussion followed.

The Committee directed the County Engineer to notify the residents that the matter was deferred to the next scheduled meeting and request they attend the meeting to discuss the issues.

Mary Sue Lane

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a handout [filed with these minutes] outlining the facts and staff recommendation. Discussion followed.

The Committee will recommend to full Council that the County not accept the road as it does not meet minimum county standards.

Encroachment Permit Policy & Fees

Mr. Kelly provided the Committee with a handout for information only [filed with these minutes] outlining the facts and staff recommendation. Discussion followed.

The Committee agreed to review the document and defer any action to the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Thrift asked the Clerk to Council to identify potential dates within the next month to schedule a Transportation Committee meeting to address Alice Lane and the Encroachment Permit Policy & Fees.

In-House Asphalt Purchases [Procurement Policy Extension]

Mr. Kelly along with the Procurement Director, Robyn Courtright, provided the Committee with a handout [filed with these minutes] outlining the facts and staff recommendation. Discussion followed.

The Committee agreed to recommend to full Council for approval making the pilot program for in-house asphalt purchases permanent.

Other New Business

Discussion of Procedures for Future Road Closures

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 2 – 0 to take to full Council for approval to instruct the county attorney to draft an ordinance stating that after Transportation Committee review and approval of a citizen initiated road closure matter that it is the responsibility of the citizen[s] to pursue in court the road closure action and all expenses related to the action are the sole responsibility of the citizen[s] initiating the matter.

The Committee also approved a letter to Mr. Scott Allmon from the Administrator stating that all existing road closure matters are to be concluded within sixty [60] days and if this can not be accomplished that the files are to be returned to the County for reassignment.

Adjourn:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council